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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ALL
CYCLES OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW BY THE UNITED
NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, WHERE APPLICABLE TO THE
STATE.

1 WHEREAS, human rights and fundamental freedom are core
2 values of the United States of America and the global community;
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5 WHEREAS, the United Nations is rooted in universal human
6 rights; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Universal Periodic Review is a process through
9 which all United Nations member states review each other's human
10 rights records; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Universal Periodic Review is an important
13 opportunity to organize in one's community, classroom, and
14 global civil society to realize human rights for all people; and
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16 WHEREAS, the United Nations Human Rights Council has
17 scheduled the United States to be reviewed in November, 2026;
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20 WHEREAS, the Universal Periodic Review provides for
21 participatory engagement in public policy and provides a vision
22 for the future of the nation; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Universal Periodic Review creates a chance to
25 rejuvenate a culture of human rights across the country where
26 every voice can contribute to creative campaigns for positive
27 change for all; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Universal Periodic Review allows for a broad
30 discussion and dialogue regarding holistic human rights
31 guaranteeing individual dignity and collective equality; and



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2 WHEREAS, on November 5, 2010, the United States underwent
3 the first ever Universal Periodic Review of its human rights
4 record before the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva;
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7 WHEREAS, the United States completed its second Universal
8 Periodic Review at the United Nations Human Rights Council at
9 the Palace of Nations in Geneva on May 11, 2015; and
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11 WHEREAS, the most recent Universal Periodic Review covered
12 major concerns and campaigns to achieve the article of the
13 United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human
14 Rights, with the third cycle taking place on November 9, 2020;
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17 WHEREAS, the review process provided an opportunity for the
18 United States to identify human rights violations, develop
19 solutions, and bring policies in line with international human
20 rights standards; and
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22 WHEREAS, the recommendations from the three cycles of the
23 Universal Periodic Review provided insight into the major human
24 rights issues in the United States; and
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26 WHEREAS, the recommendations from the most recent fourth
27 cycle can be reviewed and examined to be realized in the State;
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30 WHEREAS, the human rights recommendations are also matched
31 with the 2030 United Nations Agenda, linking each recommendation
32 with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and
33 covering the seventeen global goals on the ground in the
34 nation's communities and state capitals; and
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36 WHEREAS, local and state officials across the United States
37 have begun to take the lead to utilize the Universal Periodic
38 Review as a positive tool to transform their communities; and
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40 WHEREAS, many civil society associations and
41 non-governmental organizations in the State participated in the
42 preparation of stakeholder reports and hosted community



1 dialogues for the Universal Periodic Review of the United
2 States; and
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4 WHEREAS, a majority of the recommendations were taken
5 directly from civil society stakeholder reports and subsequent
6 study sheets that United Nations members used in the review
7 process; and
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9 WHEREAS, the recommendations from all four cycles provided
10 basis for basic human rights in the State; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
15 supports the implementation of the recommendations from all
16 cycles of the Universal Periodic Review by the United Nations
17 Human Rights Council, where applicable to the State; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the
20 promotion of a culture of human rights based on the principles
21 established in the Charter of the United Nations; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the
24 greater participation in United Nations human rights,
25 sustainable development, climate processes promoting rights and
26 fundamental freedoms, and protecting the planet; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General of
30 the United Nations, High Commissioner for Human Rights of the
31 United Nations, and members of Hawai'i's congressional
32 delegation.
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